

Nevada State Health Division
GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON PROSTATE CANCER

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2004 9:30 am
Kinkead Building, 505 E. King Street, Rm 103
Carson City, NV

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I. PARTICIPANTS

Lewis Musgrove, Co-chair
Nikki Meloskie, Co-chair
Richard Whitley
Ihsan Azzam
Jean Gunter, Manager, State of Nevada Office of Vital Records and Statistics
Tricia Leland
Steve Hansen
Dr. Roger Miercort
Susan Toth
Kim Oddone, Administrative Assistant

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW TASK FORCE MEMBER

Steve Hansen of Nevada Health Centers was welcomed as the most recent addition to the Task Force and was introduced to all members present.

III. HEALTH DIVISION RECOGNITION

The Task Force expressed its appreciation of the Health Division's contributions of staff and other resources.

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes were approved from the November 19, 2003 meeting.

V. DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS PLAN

- Mission Statement: "The Nevada Task Force on Prostate Cancer promotes education, screening for early detection, and early intervention for improvement of quality of life of men in the State of Nevada"
- Policies and Procedures Manual: The Task Force agreed to adhere to the Policies and Procedures proscribed by the Nevada State Health Division, as applicable.
- Budget Proposal: Nikki Meloskie met with Human Resources Director, Mike Willden, who has offered the services of a Grant Analyst from his office to assist with funding issues. Ihsan Azzam and Charlene Herst, Bureau of Community

Health, have submitted a grant application to the CDC which, if approved, will provide additional funding for the Prostate Cancer program.

VI. PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

Scheduled for the week of Sept. 19-25, 2004, Prostate Cancer Awareness Week is also an opportunity to bring awareness to Nevada's Prostate Cancer Task Force. Steve Hansen suggested creating a vouchering system wherein men would be able to redeem vouchers distributed by the Task Force for screenings with participating local doctors and/or urologists.

VII. MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Ideas for Men's Health Week, June 14-20, 2004, included offering screening/screening vouchers for blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and colon and testicular cancers, as well as PSA/Blood Levels.

VIII. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Meeting with the pharmaceutical companies has not happened yet. Lew Musgrove will report on progress at the next meeting. The Health Division has submitted a grant application to the CDC; Ihsan will report the status of the application at the next meeting.

IX. PHYSICIANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ihsan Azzam and Nikki Meloskie have contacted several local physicians who have expressed interest in offering services or otherwise assisting the Prostate Cancer Task Force. The Task Force agreed to form a planning committee to establish activities/events based on the availability of funds and other resources, and to coordinate these activities and events with those physicians and any others interested. Lew Musgrove gave an account of his discussion with Dr. Vogelzang, which was very successful. Jean Gunter, Vital Records and Statistics, gave an update regarding Death Certificate reporting and Dr. Miercort offered to write a letter to physicians requesting that prostate cancer be listed on Death Certificates as an underlying cause of death.

X. WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The Task Force reviewed and approved progress made on the website, located at <http://prostatetaskforce.nv.gov/>. Nikki explained that the site will be upgraded by DoIT regularly.

XI. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The next Task Force Committee meeting will be held on May 11, 2004.